

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the North Fork Shenandoah River in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, Stony Creek in Shenandoah County, and Mill Creek in Shenandoah County. The North Fork Shenandoah River was listed on the 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment extends from the confluence with Turley Creek to the confluence with Pugh's Run for a total of 52.97 miles. Stony Creek was also listed on the 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment includes a 6.48-mile segment of stream between the Foltz Creek confluence and the Little Stony Creek confluence and a 5.65 mile segment from the George's Chicken discharge to the confluence with the North Fork Shenandoah River. Mill Creek was listed on the 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's bacteria standard and the State's general (benthic) standard for aquatic life. These impairments extend from the headwaters to the confluence with the North Fork Shenandoah River for a total of 19.78 miles.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d)

TMDL Priority List and Report.

A final public meeting on the development of TMDLs to address the impairments described above will be held on **Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Shenandoah Co. Parks and Recreation Office Cafeteria (Old Edinburg School), 508 Piccadilly Street, Edinburg, VA.

A copy of the draft TMDL reports will be available for review on or before March 21, 2006 on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/tmdlrpts.html>. The public comment period for the draft reports and the meeting will end on April 20, 2006. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail mbrent@deq.virginia.gov.